

REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned agent wish to thank the Examiner and his supervisor for their courtesies extended during the telephonic interview on September 7, 2006. In the interview, the Examiner agreed to reconsider the outstanding rejection in view of Applicants' remarks presented in the previous Reply to Office Action¹.

Accordingly applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 1-24 be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ Applicants reserve the right to traverse the Examiner's Official Notices in rejecting claims 7, 9, 14, 16-17, and 24 should the Examiner take similar Official Notices in any further Official Actions.